

in Kashmir, tens of thousands of Christians and Muslims throughout the country, and tens of thousands of Tamils, Assamese, Manipuris, and others. The Indian Supreme Court called the Indian government's murders of Sikhs "worse than a genocide."

The book *Soft Target* by Canadian journalists Zuhair Kashmeri and Brian McAndrew shows that the Indian government blew up its own airliner in 1985 to blame Sikhs and justify further repression. It quotes an agent of the Canadian Security Investigation Service (CSIS) as saying, "If you really want to clear up the incidents quickly, take vans down to the Indian High Commission and the consulates in Toronto and Vancouver. We know it and they know it that they are involved." On January 2, 2002, the Washington Times reported that India sponsors cross-border terrorism in the Pakistani province of Sindh.

"Only in a free Khalistan will the Sikh Nation prosper and get justice," said Dr. Aulakh. "When Khalistan is free, we will have our own Ambassadors, our own representation in the UN and other international bodies, and our own leaders to keep this sort of thing from happening. We won't be at the mercy of the brutal Indian regime and its Hindu militant allies," he said. "Democracies don't commit genocide. India should act like a democracy and allow a plebiscite on independence for Khalistan and the nations of South Asia," Dr. Aulakh said. "We must free Khalistan now."

REPUBLICAN MISGUIDED PRIORITIES

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Senate Republican leadership renewed debate on whether the Constitution of the United States should limit marriage and any civil union to one man and one woman.

It is distressing to me that we live in an age in which we still must fight to protect our civil rights as Americans, in which a hate crime perpetrated against someone based their sexual orientation can go unpunished, and in which discrimination is being written into our laws.

If this amendment were to pass, we would rewrite discrimination into the Constitution, a practice I thought we had done away with in 1868, when the Fourteenth Amendment erased the Constitution's reference to "the whole number of free persons." It appears that some would condemn us to repeating history.

The only saving grace for this measure is that it is doomed to failure, and the President knows that. This amendment is being considered merely to throw red meat at conservative voters in an election year. Just over a month before the 2004 election, when his poll numbers were slipping, the President stated his support for this discriminatory measure. He knew the amendment could not pass in Congress and that there was minimal public support for it. Republicans moved this discriminatory bill for the sole purpose of dividing voters and inciting anti-gay sentiment in a hotly-contested election year.

Two years later, the Republicans are drowning in corruption and losing public support on a mass scale. The White House wants to drive its conservative base to the polls and has

asked the Senate Majority Leader to bring this issue before the full Senate. Make no mistake about it, we will win this fight again.

Then, hopefully we can turn to the issues that the American people want the government to address. We have yet to investigate the Administration's failed policy in Iraq that has led to the deaths of over 2,000 American soldiers. We need to know why there has been a steep rise in gas prices during a time of record oil industry profits. We need to craft a prescription drug bill for seniors that works instead of keeping one that confuses seniors and rewards large pharmaceutical companies. We need to stop borrowing money from foreign countries, cease deficit spending, and return our economy to the surpluses it had under President Clinton.

With so many critical issues that need the immediate attention of the Congress, Republicans need to reevaluate their priorities. It is my hope that in the coming months we can focus our energies on the many important issues facing our country rather than on divisive and unproductive distractions.

HONORING THE GREEN ALBANY PROJECT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Green Albany Project, which, in partnership with the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the City of Albany, Alameda County Waste Management, and Stopwaste.org has successfully completed its goal of "greening" the small business district in Albany, California, making it the first project in the nation in which a chamber of commerce has taken the lead in an effort such as this.

The Green Albany Project was launched on Earth Day 2005 as a collaborative effort of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the City of Albany, and Stopwaste.org under the leadership of James Carter. Upon receipt of a grant from Stopwaste.org, the Albany Green Team was assembled, comprised mostly of local youth from Albany High School and the surrounding community. The Albany Green team then began a yearlong outreach effort, working to contact and educate local business owners on the economic and environmental benefits of going green.

With the help of Stopwaste.org, Alameda County Waste Management, Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Keith Carson, and in collaboration with Smartlights, East Bay MUD, and other programs, the Albany Green Team has succeeded in helping 26 businesses in Albany, which is most of the local small business district, to green their operations and in turn, green our community. In so doing, the Green Albany Project has successfully diverted 150 tons of solid waste from landfills through its work to implement composting practices at local businesses, and it is projected that an additional 290 tons will be diverted in the year to come.

The Green Albany Project celebrates this success only one year after its launch, and furthermore, having achieved its objectives under budget, will be returning money to the county for use in propelling other worthwhile projects forward.

In addition, this project would not have been possible without the support of the small business owners in Albany, who are a crucial driving force behind our local and regional economies, and who have provided an immeasurable service to the community by implementing these new green systems with the help of the Albany Green Team.

The Green Albany Project is an outstanding example of steps that our communities can take to address the national and global challenge of developing sustainable practices in a time of diminishing natural resources.

The Green Albany Project has not only made history as the first project of its kind to be completed in our country, but has demonstrated to businesses throughout California's 9th Congressional District and across our country that going green is not only possible but profitable.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, I join the Albany community on this 5th day of June, 2006 in saluting and thanking the Albany Green Team, the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the City of Albany, Stopwaste.org, Alameda County Waste Management, the Albany small businesses that have made the decision to go green, and all the other partners who have made the Green Albany Project a success. Their work has contributed immeasurably to California's 9th Congressional District, to the entire Bay Area and to our country, and represents an important step forward in the international effort to establish environmentally and economically sustainable ways of living here in our community and around the world.

IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DELAWARE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Delaware Community Foundation as it celebrates its 20th anniversary of unparalleled service to the State. The Foundation was created in 1986 to provide a lasting source of charitable funding by enabling donors and organizations to effectively support the causes that matter most to Delaware's citizens.

In the publication of its first newsletter in 1990, the Foundation noted that through its first grant making program it awarded roughly \$60,000 in grants to six agencies for use in addressing homelessness. Other inaugural accomplishments included the creation of 8 new charitable funds, and a total fund balance of just over \$6 million. Today, the Foundation manages nearly 600 charitable funds, gives from a total asset balance of more than \$200 million, and has awarded more than \$54 million in grants in its short 20-year history. This exceptional growth stands as a testament to the important work done by the Delaware Community Foundation and how much it is truly needed.

Through its strong community leadership, and both competitive and non-competitive grant programs, the Foundation is now able to adapt to the needs of the community as they emerge and evolve. In doing so, the Delaware